



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 17.

THE MORE experience there is with the interstate commerce law, the more obvious becomes the good that would result from the immediate repeal of that law. Before the law was passed the public derived the sole benefit of the railroad competition and of the numerous railroad "wars," in respect of both freight charges and passenger fare; but since that time competition and "wars" have ceased, there is never a reduction in the full rates, and though the law does not allow a railroad to charge more for one mile than for a hundred, it does allow it to charge just as much. The government has no right to be interfering with the private business of the country, and whenever it does, the inevitable result is injurious to the poor people. The rich always have it in their power to protect themselves.

CONGRESS HAS no more right to prevent a merchant from buying corn to be delivered at his warehouse next year for sale, than it has to prevent a farmer from buying corn to be delivered at his barn next year for planting. And yet the former is just exactly what the bill now before that body, to prevent dealings in futures, is intended to do. Farmers in many cases are only enabled by the sale of future crops to carry on operations, and it certainly is no more harmful to deal in futures of corn and wheat than in those of the manufactured necessities of life, against which the proposed law is not intended to operate. The less Congress has to do with the trade of the country the better for every body.

THE 7TH REGIMENT of New York volunteers declines the invitation it received to participate in the ceremonies incident to the unveiling of the Lee statue in Richmond, and denies most positively that it ever gave the slightest intimation that it would accept on if tendered. The ex-Confederates in the procession on the day of the unveiling will, or should, carry their tattered old battle flags, and if the New Yorkers had marched under those flags they would have found the gates of their own city shut upon their return. Advances toward sentimental reconciliation must all come from the South. There is no responsive thrill in the northern heart.

AS STATED in yesterday evening's GAZETTE, the resolution admitting the two republican contestants for seats in the U. S. Senate from Montana has been adopted by that body. The republicans have now such a large majority in the Senate that they will have possession of that branch of Congress for an indefinite period, and no matter how next fall's Congressional and the next Presidential election may go, the tariff bill the republicans in the present Congress may pass will continue to impose its burdens upon the poor and to confer its favors upon the rich for years to come.

A BILL to reorganize the judicial system of the country has just been rushed through the U. S. House of Representatives by Mr. Speaker Reed, and that it will pass the Senate there is no reason to doubt. The passage of this bill, in connection with certain other measures now before Congress, looks very much as if the republicans have made up their minds to attempt to retain control of the government indefinitely, and as a means to effect that end are making arrangements for securing a judiciary that will assist them.

IN HIS speech at the emancipation celebration in Washington yesterday, J. M. Langston, one of the speakers, said: "This is our Capital. When Lincoln gave us our freedom he gave us this city, and we will never leave it." If the negroes in Washington continue to increase and multiply in the future as they have done in the recent past, that city will indeed, as the speaker referred to said, in a few years be the negroes capital.

TO REALIZE the gross impropriety of students of the University of Virginia, an institution supported in great part by taxes exacted from all the people of the State, expending their studies and going to the different towns of the State with barjoes, giving concerts for money, no matter for what object, it is only necessary to ask yourself, what would Thomas Jefferson, the founder of the University, have thought of such a thing?

FROM WASHINGTON.  
[Special Correspondence of the ALEX. GAZETTE.]  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17, 1880.

During the session of the Senate to-day the clerk put two ships of paper in a box, one marked 1 and the other 2, and the two new republican Senators from Montana, who, not liking the company into which they were put yesterday, when they were assigned seats on the democratic side, had been given seats on the republican side, marched up to his desk and drew lots for the terms for which they will be allowed to hold the seats to which their democratic opponents were elected. Mr. Power was the lucky man, drew the long term and smiled sincerely. Mr. Saunders drew the short term, but, though he also smiled, looked as if he felt more like crying.

Colonel Boyce of Clarke county, Va., is among the strangers here to-day. He says there was a bigger crop of wheat seeded in his county last fall than for many previous fall, and that the present indications are that the crop to be reaped will exceed that of any preceding years. He says the earth there is covered with greenness and grandeur.

The grand jury, to whose attention the

cases of Verser and Newton of the Old Dominion Republican League, charged with collecting political assessments contrary to the civil service law, will be directed, will not meet until the 23d inst.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Cullom presented a petition signed by many citizens of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Colorado, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, North and South Dakota and Washington praying that sugar, lumber, salt, binding twine and the materials entering into it be admitted free of duties, and that a cut of at least 50 per cent. be made on all woolen, cotton and linen fabrics. Senator Turpie presented the protest of hardware dealers in Lafayette, Ind., against increasing the duty on breech-loading guns and cutlery. Senator Plumb presented the resolution of the Newton (Kan.) Board of Trade protesting against the imposition of any duty on ores containing lead imported from Mexico, and favoring the negotiation of a reciprocity treaty with that country. Senators Cullom and Plumb are rank republicans. This action on their part is said to indicate a break in the republican party on the tariff bill.

In the House yesterday Mr. Edmunds of Virginia introduced a bill for the relief of the heirs of Gustavus B. Alexander.

It seems now that the republicans of the House and Senate are hopelessly divided on the silver question and that the House will pass one bill and the Senate another, and that a conference committee will settle the differences, and report a bill providing for a high and ready government market for the product of all the silver mines in the country. Mr. McKinley says he will call up the tariff bill in a short time, allow it to be debated for sixteen days, and then have it voted upon. When the vote shall be taken the bill will be passed, but that it shall be, Mr. Speaker Reed will have to, and will, count members not voting in order to make a quorum.

General Banks, chairman of the subcommittee of the House fisheries committee, told the GAZETTE's correspondent to-day that the committee at one time thought if eight hundred dollars a year would satisfy the Virginians who claim riparian rights in the waters of the District of Columbia, they would make a provision to that effect in the bill to prohibit fishing in the waters referred to, but that an intimation to that effect had at once increased the estimates of damages to thousands, and that they now think they will report the bill as it stands, without any amendment. To-morrow will be the day for the regular meeting of the committee. Should a meeting be held, the bill will probably be ordered to be reported as it is.

Ten o'clock to-morrow morning is the time the House military committee has appointed for hearing the friends of the proposed Mr. Vernon Avenue advocate the claims of the bill now before Congress for building that avenue. General Lee has supplied all the members of the committee with copies of the Mr. Vernon Avenue book, and has talked to each individual member of the committee on the subject. He says he is inclined to think by what they have told him that the committee is favorably disposed.

The House committee on rivers and harbors to-day completed the river and harbor bill. The total appropriation is a little over \$20,000,000. Among the appropriations are the following for Virginia: \$150,000 for Norfolk; Appomattox river, \$15,000; James river, \$200,000; Rappahannock river, \$15,000; York river, \$20,000; Nansemond river, \$10,000; Hampton Bay, \$10,000; Occoquan, \$10,000; Aquia Creek, \$10,000.

Chesapeake Presbytery.

At the opening of yesterday's session of the Presbytery of Chesapeake, in Washington, Rev. J. I. Vance, of the Second Presbyterian Church in this city, made the opening prayer, after which Ruling Elders J. E. Douglas, of Middleburg, and O. S. Braden, of Waterford, were enrolled. The moderators announced the following committees:

Narration—A. B. Carrington and J. W. Gilkerson. Minutes of Synod—J. I. Vance and K. Kemper. Sessional records—W. Diawidde, W. H. Robertson, D. J. Shopoff, G. C. Heard, and W. C. Preston.

A number of communications touching missions and education were received and referred to the proper committees. Statistical reports were heard from nearly all the churches.

Almost the entire afternoon session was taken up with a discussion on the report of the committee "the tithe." The chairman of the committee, Rev. Mr. Vance, of Alexandria, contended that one-tenth of the Christian's income should be given to the Lord, and that churches, bursaries and all other means of raising funds for the church should not be tolerated.

Rev. Mr. Robinson, of Warrenton, that he had given one-tenth, and had been worried as to whether God approved of a man's giving this and permitting debts to go unpaid. Ministers and church members with large families and small incomes were also asked to give the tithe.

The report was discussed pro and con and finally adopted, after having received numerous amendments. For ten years past the various presbyteries have been trying to adopt a new directory of worship. Nearly every minister is disposed to regard the old book as faulty in many respects. A new directory has been printed, and while it is not loaded upon as perfect, is considered superior to the old one. The Presbytery accepted it, but will endeavor to have it amended next year.

At the meeting to-day Rev. J. I. Vance, of this city, and Elder G. C. Heard, of Washington, were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church, which meets at Asheville, N. C., on May 15th, and Rev. C. H. Blawie, of Leesburg, and Elder George Wise, of this city, were elected as alternates. The Presbytery will adjourn this evening to meet at Greenwich, Prince William county, in August.

Tragedy in New Kent.

Last summer the daughter of Mr. Walter Ball, who lives near New Kent Court House, Va., informed her father that she had been seduced by R. T. Barham, a clerk in the Richmond and Danville office at West Point. The father and mother immediately went to West Point, pulled Barham out of bed and conveyed him to Washington, where he was made to marry the girl. He never lived with his wife, and later had Ball arrested for assaulting him in his room on the occasion of the aforementioned visit. The case went to trial and Ball was acquitted. Barham went to Point Rock, N. C., and remained away until a few weeks ago. Yesterday the two men met in a public road. Ball rode up from behind, and drawing a pistol opened fire, and hit Barham in the thigh. Barham returned the fire and shot his father-in-law twice in the head, killing him instantly. When the exposure of Barham was made he was about to marry a young lady of West Point, Va., and was the commissioner of the revenue of the county. Ball was about 50, while Barham is about 25.

DR. WAGNER'S CASE POSTPONED.—The case of the Commonwealth against Dr. Harrison Wagner, for the institution of his suits against the Adams Express Company in the county court of Stafford, and which was set for trial at this term of that court, was postponed yesterday, and will be held until the May term, after considerable argument for and against by the respective counsel. Judge Goodrich, counsel for the accused, argued for a trial on the ground that the physical condition of the prisoner was such that a longer confinement in prison would greatly endanger his life. But he was overruled by the judge, the Commonwealth's attorney stating that, owing to the absence of a material witness, the Commonwealth was not prepared to enter into trial then. Not a single representative of the express company was present.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

The fire in the gas works at Madrid, Spain, was extinguished after the works had been destroyed.

Over 2,000 immigrants landed yesterday at Castle Garden, nearly two-thirds of whom were Italians.

Owing to the great pressure upon him for office, Secretary Blaine, it is said, has become a convert to civil-service reform.

The roof of a weaving mill at Bergamo, Italy, in which three hundred girls were employed, fell in yesterday, and seventeen girls were killed.

The Brooklyn Eagle predicts as certain the renomination of Cleveland for President, of Mayor Chas. F. Johnson for Governor, and of Governor Hill as United States Senator.

Captain John G. Grossley, of the schooner Edward F. Mansfield, that arrived at Baltimore yesterday, reports that on the last trip from Charleston he ran into a school of whales, and nearly cut one of them in two.

Mrs. Carrie Vandegrift, of Burlington, N. J., was indicted yesterday on a charge of attempting to poison her son, Frank C. Norman, with opium oil. The alleged motive was to secure the insurance on Norman's life.

The dinner given by the Latin American delegates last night at the Arlington, in Washington, at which President Harrison was the guest of honor, was in every respect the most magnificent banquet ever given in that city.

Surrogate Ransom, of New York, decides that the shares distributed by ex-Judge Hillon as trustee under the residuary clause in Mrs. A. T. Stewart's will are subject to the collateral inheritance tax, which will amount to \$300,000.

The Archer investigation in Maryland brought out the fact that the ex-treasurer had owed a debt of \$100,000 upon which he paid six per cent. interest annually, also that he had liquidated \$30,000 of the debt after becoming treasurer.

Three weeks ago J. W. Middleton, of Scott county, Ky., who is 60, married 19-year-old Josie Price. Last Saturday the young wife eloped with Matthew Middleton, the old man's nephew, taking with her \$7,000, which the husband had just drawn from the bank.

The republicans of the tariff committee claim that the total reductions of revenue in their bill will aggregate \$71,264,414. The minority express the belief that the only way in which American industries can be helped, is by exempting raw materials from taxation and a proportionate reduction on finished articles.

## Washington Relics.

As stated in the GAZETTE Mr. Barbour yesterday submitted in the Senate a bill providing for the purchase of certain original journals and other relics of General George Washington, now owned by Lawrence Washington, of Fauquier county. Accompanying the bill is a list of the articles, as follows: A journal kept by Washington, the greater part of which is in his own handwriting, from March, 1793, to March, 1797; a pitcher that belonged to Bushrod Washington; status of "Necker"; a sword broken at the point and the scabbard missing; a spyglass (object glass broken); four engravings, in circular frames; a colored picture in glass—view of an old church near Limerick (frame broken); a portrait of St. John in frame; a picture in frame entitled "Fall of the Bastille"; a mirror, badly broken. All of these were inherited by Lawrence Washington, the present owner, from his father, Colonel John Augustine Washington, and by him inherited from Judge Bushrod Washington (with the exception of the pitcher) to whom they were bequeathed by General George Washington. The communication also gives clauses of Washington's will bequeathing these articles, and also quotes from Lossing's History as to the articles. Of the sword Lawrence Washington says that during the civil war it was laid with other valuables in a pigeon house on the property of Edward C. Turner, where it remained from 1861 to the close of the war, and it was so injured by dampness that the inscription was obliterated and the scabbard destroyed. The picture of the destruction of the Bastille, together with the key, which was presented to the Mt. Vernon Association, was placed in the hands of Lafayette, and in 1789 he sent it to Thomas Paine, then in London, to be forwarded as a present to Washington. With these Lafayette enclosed a letter to Washington, dated March 17, in which he said:

"Give me leave, my dear General, to present you with a picture of the Bastille just as it looked few days after I ordered its destruction, with the key of the fortress of destruction. It is a tribute which I owe to my adopted father, as an aide de camp to my General, as a missionary of liberty to its patriarch."

The whole collection remained at Mount Vernon until the property was sold to the Ladies' Association, and has always been owned by the male members of Washington's family. This is the first time they have ever been offered for sale.

THE COLORED CONVENTION.—At the colored State convention in Richmond yesterday the committee on resolutions reported a series of resolutions in which they declare that the defeat of the Blair educational bill by the Senate is a blow at popular education; express hearty dissent and disapproval of the acts of the present Legislature of Virginia in their efforts to cripple the already feeble provisions for negro education in this Commonwealth as evidenced by their election to the office of superintendent of public instruction a man who, and who contends that negroes, though the laborers, are not the real taxpayers of the Commonwealth. "We more earnestly," the committee says, "and if possible, more vigorously condemn the governor of this Commonwealth, a professor in the Christian faith, a pretended humanitarian, a proponent of the Black belt, a putative friend of the negro—who yet signed the bill reducing the appropriation for the colored normal school, and also opposed the measure removing the colored men as trustees of said school though in politics they were supposed to be democrats, and appointing in their stead men who are openly opposed to the higher education of the negro race at some length in the same strain. The resolutions were adopted, and a committee of seven was appointed to draft plans for future work.

The resolution offered the previous night to the effect that the colored people support one of their race for Congress in the 24 and 4th districts was not reported from the committee.

A. W. Harris was elected chairman of the State executive committee and E. H. Gristy a member of that committee from the S. H. district.

## Congress.

In the United States Senate yesterday, after debate, the Chinese enumerating bill was laid on the table by a vote of 51 to 2.

In the House majority and minority reports on the tariff bill were presented. In the contested election cases from the first Indiana and the ninth Virginia districts, Parrett and Buchanan, democrats, were confirmed in their seats. The House passed the Military Academy appropriation bill.

The Senate in executive session confirmed the nomination of Fanny S. Williams, to be postmaster at Lexington, Va.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

There is talk of consolidating the University of Virginia and Charlottesville postoffices with free delivery for Charlottesville.

Mr. J. Fuggitt, the driver of the Winchester and Round Hill stage for a number of years, died at his home in Winchester last week.

The Lee Monument Military Committee met in Richmond last night and a letter from the Seventh New York Regiment, declining the invitation to the Lee monument unveiling, was received.

Maj. Richard F. Walker, a close political friend of Gen. Mahone, has just been appointed superintendent of letter carriers in the Richmond postoffice. For some time past Major Walker has held a clerkship in the office.

In the Richmond Circuit Court yesterday the case of W. T. Chaddick against the Richmond and Danville railroad was decided in favor of the defendant company. The plaintiff boarded one of the trains of the company, neglected to purchase a ticket, refused to pay the extra charge, and was ejected from the train.

The question of the location of the bridge across the Rappahannock at Fredericksburg is creating great excitement among the upper and lower town people. The Council decided to build it at Scott's site, but in the election, near at hand, upon the appropriation of the fund to build it with, the fight will rise to "white heat," and even in the election of the next Councilmen, that occurs in May next, the question will be made a grave issue.

A meeting was held in Richmond yesterday of the stockholders and life members of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical Association. A resolution was adopted acquiescing in the proceedings now pending in the Richmond Chancery Court to settle the question of the title to the grounds and other property of the association. Another resolution was adopted authorizing the executive committee to determine whether or not it will be best to hold a fair or exposition there this fall.

## Fauquier County Items.

Mr. C. M. Anderson, who eloped with Miss Walters from Linder, has returned from Kansas and will make his home in Virginia.

James Moore, a well known citizen of Fauquier, died at his home, near Orleans, on the 5th inst., aged 73 years.—Warrenton Virginian.

Near Orleans on Saturday last Charlotte Anderson tried to shoot Louisa Shepherd when Louisa took the gun away from Charlotte and broke it over Charlotte's head.

Several horses are sick in the Rectortown neighborhood with something similar to la grippe. A gentleman said the other day that his horse had the disease at the time he died. He got well but the horse died and he gives as his reason that he drank whisky, and the horse could not.

Last Friday while Mr. Ben Fowell was burning trash in his garden, his little daughter's dress caught fire and before the flames could be put out she was burned so badly that she died Saturday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Fowell burned their hands dreadfully trying to extinguish the fire.

## Manassas Items.

The large steam mill of Mr. Stoever, with the latest improved machinery is about ready for business.

Mr. E. W. Weir has purchased a brick machine and is preparing a kiln of brick for several contemplated improvements.

The Manassas Gazette is putting up a fire office and residence combined. Is the worthy editor intending to take in a partner?

Mr. C. H. Hopkins is erecting a new store on Center street, which he says will be the best in the place. A photograph gallery will occupy the second floor.

W. M. Longwell & Co., hardware merchants, are preparing to erect a large brick store on the corner of Battle and Center streets, purchased from George C. Round.

Mr. J. R. Tillett has purchased a valuable corner near the new depot, from Mr. I. P. Baldwin. Rumor has it that a wealthy gentleman from the West, with associates from Prince William, will soon start a national bank on this or some other corner.

## Let Us Have the Names

To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

The attitude of the GAZETTE in regard to the high tariff meat inspection law passed by our late so-called democratic Legislature meets general approval and shows that journal to be a true friend of the people. Can you not add to the obligation already conferred by publishing two sets of names which now possess peculiar interest to the public? Can you not let your readers have a list of those members of the Legislature who voted for this iniquitous law, and, especially, can you not publish the names of the twenty citizens on whose petition the inspector for Alexandria has been appointed by Judge Norton? It would be interesting to know which of our people have agreed together to raise the price of a prime necessity of life to the community, and equally instructive to have the names of those lawgivers who have such an outrage on their part possible.

## CONSUMER.

We have not at hand a copy of the vote taken in the Legislature on the meat inspection bill but the following is a copy of the petitioners on which Judge Norton appointed the inspector for this city:

We, the undersigned, citizens of Alexandria, Virginia, respectfully ask your honor, J. K. M. Norton, Judge of the Corporation Court of Alexandria, Va., to appoint a meat inspector for the said city.

H. H. Atkinson, Edwin H. Felders, Edward Baggett, Robert E. Lee Taylor, H. C. Kisseloff, Edgar Padgett, C. R. Crump, John D. Welch, John T. Harrison, Joseph DeSilva, Christopher Curtis, Clarence Mills, D. Bittenger, George W. Bontz, M. W. McLearen, Richard Murphy, Charles Simpson, C. W. Bolson, George B. Sides, Jam A. H. Stewart, D. H. Ford, L. Finks.

Hampton Martin.  
[COMMUNICATED.]  
Republican League.

The executive committee of the colored republican league of this city, has been constituted as follows: John Sayles, chairman, G. A. Lumpkins, Albert Lucas and W. A. Carter. The committee is making arrangements for the governing of the league, and to assemble in this city on the 15th proximo. The committee on call has extended an invitation to all the counties to send representatives to the convention. This was done to get the sentiment of the people as to the recommendations of the present colored conference now in session at Richmond. Magnus L. Robinson, secretary of the colored league here, and chairman of the committee on call, states that he voices the sentiment of his people in opposition to the plan of "Col. J. L. Wilson and his Richmond convention in recommending the formation of a colored man's party, or migrating to Western lands or Africa; that it would be suicidal in undertaking to set up a negro party; that the white race possesses all the money, and all the governmental machinery, and yet, with all the power, they were willing to give the colored man a chance in the race of life if they would only deposit themselves worthy of citizenship and offices of trust. He predicts that the Richmond convention will injure the negro race in this State, and that the convention to be held here next month will endeavor to contract the Richmond plan. X.



## ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

Proceedings of Congress.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.  
SENATE.

Messrs. Sanders and Power, the new Montana Senators, were in their seats this morning, their desks having been removed from the democratic and placed on the republican side since adjournment yesterday.

Under the terms of a resolution presented in executive session yesterday by Mr. Hoar, Messrs. Sanders and Power will be assigned by lot to the classes of Senators whose terms expire in 1893 and 1895, respectively.

In accordance with the terms of the resolution proposed by Mr. Hoar the clerk placed in a box two papers of equal size bearing the numbers one and two. Senator Sanders drew No. 1, and Senator Power drew No. 2. Vice President Morton thereupon announced that Senator Sanders would be placed in the class of Senators whose terms expire March 3, 1893, and Senator Power in the class whose terms expire March 3, 1895.

Among petitions and memorials presented was one by Mr. Butler, from the Charleston board of trade, protesting against the passage of the Butterworth anti-option and future bill; by Mr. Frye the resolutions passed by the American shipping league at its recent session in Washington.

Among the bills and joint resolutions introduced were the following: By Mr. Sherman, tendering the thanks of Congress to Rear Admiral Henry Walker and the officers and men under his command on the U. S. S. Carondelet, April 4, 1882.

By Mr. Reagan: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution for the election of Senators by vote of the people.

By Mr. Plumb (by request of the wage workers' political alliance, Washington, D. C.): Directing the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the surplus in the Treasury (above a working balance of ten millions) to be paid out for the purchase of government bonds.

The House bill for the appointment and retirement of John C. Fremont as a Major General in the U. S. army was passed.

On motion of Mr. Gray, the House bill to transfer the revenue cutter service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Sherman opposed the bill.

## HOUSE.

After the reading of the journal Mr. Butlerworth, of Ohio, arose and said that it was seemly and proper and a just tribute of respect to the memory of the distinguished man whose funeral took place to-day that the House adjourn. A motion to this effect was immediately adopted.

## Foreign News.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 17.—The Imperial Palace at Oranienbaum, twenty miles west of this city, has been destroyed by fire. Seven of the palace servants were burned to death.

MOSCOW, April 17.—The widow of an army officer who was in dire want became discouraged and she and her five daughters locked themselves in a room, and turned on the gas. When found all six were dead from suffocation.

MALTA, April 17.—The Chicago and Yorktown, of the American squadron of evolution, arrived here to-day. The vessels exchanged salutes with the forts.

LONDON, April 17. An action for breach of promise and seduction has been brought against George Elliot, baronet, member of the House of Commons for the Monmouth district, by Miss Alice Hairs. Miss Hairs is thirty years old and Sir George is seventy-six.

LONDON, April 17.—The British steamer Ecclid has been sunk near Hartlepool, in collision with the British steamer Altire. The captain and three of the crew of the Ecclid were drowned. The Altire, which had her bows stove has arrived at Shields.

## Mr. Randall's Funeral.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The religious funeral ceremonies over the remains of the late Representative Randall took place in the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, Capitol Hill, this morning. They were simple, but solemn and deeply affecting. The officiating clergymen were Rev. Dr. Chester, pastor of the church, and Rev. Dr. Milburn, Chaplain of the House. The attendance comprised large numbers of Senators and Representatives, the Chief Justice and daughters, Vice-President Morton and wife, Secretary and Mrs. Blaine, Mrs. Harrison, Private Secretary Halford, Mr. Wanamaker, Speaker Reed, a deputation of about a hundred members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and several hundreds of Mr. Randall's friends and neighbors. The prayer and benediction were delivered by Mr. Milburn, and the funeral oration by Dr. Chester. Professor Bischoff presided at the organ, and hymns and anthems were rendered by the Schubert Quartette. The ceremonies were concluded about 11 a. m. when the procession formed and moved to the Pennsylvania railroad station, a deputation acting as an escort. Crowds of spectators lined the route through which the dead statesman was borne. The remains will be taken to Philadelphia and interred in the cemetery where the deceased members of the family sleep.

## A Bloodthirsty Robot.

ST. LOUIS, April 17.—Mrs. E. L. Carter was awakened Tuesday night by the crying of her baby. She found the little one's head had been unaccountably hurt, blood flowing from a wound on the scalp. She applied salve and bandages and returned to bed. Later she was awakened by an older child crying. The little one complained of a pain in one hand and a wound was found from which blood was flowing. This wound was bandaged, and the lady again went to sleep. She was a third time awakened by a large rat nibbling at her finger, Tag

wounds received by the children had been inflicted by the same animal. A physician was summoned and the wounds cauterized.

## Telegraphic Briefs.

Gov. Jackson, of Maryland, will not sign the reassignment bill.

The Presbytery of Omaha yesterday decided against the revision of the confession of faith by a vote of twenty-five to eighteen. E. L. Tracy, wanted in Chicago for the murder of Chas. Wagner, a saloon keeper, was arrested in Winnemucca, Nev., last night.

Andrew J. Davis, convicted at Exeter, N. H., yesterday of manslaughter, was this morning sentenced to twenty years at hard labor in the State prison.

Rev. Z. C. Mower, of Intercoarse, Pa., a clergyman of the United Brethren, has committed forgery for small amounts on several national banks and has disappeared.

A maniac made a desperate assault with a butcher knife on the passengers of a Chicago street car about one o'clock this morning. Four men were cut, but none fatally.

Wm. Thorne, fruit dealer, committed suicide at Albany, N. Y., this morning by jumping from the Senate stair case in the Capitol to the floor below, a distance of 70 feet.

Three young men named (Charlton, at Silver Creek, Neb., beat their father and sister so badly Tuesday afternoon that the girl has since died and the old man is in a precarious condition.

The men at the Chicago Gas Light Co., to the number of about 40 went out on a strike last night, and unless a settlement is speedily made the city may be left in darkness so far as the gas supply is concerned.

A fire in New York this morning in the stable of William Connelly, roasted 11 horses and damaged the building. A barn back of the residence of William Lappe was also destroyed by fire this morning. Two horses and two cows were burned.

The cask containing the body of the Danish clerk, Meyer, who was murdered by soap dealer Phillipson in Copenhagen, Denmark, was taken from the New York appraiser's stores to-day, and placed on board the steamer Thingvall, which sails for Denmark on the 26th instant. It is being sent back by direction of the Danish consul.

Cardinal Gibbons, Monsignor D. J. O'Connell of Rome, and others assisted at the funeral to-day in the Baltimore Cathedral over the remains of Mrs. J. W. S. Brady, a sister of Mr. A. S. Abell, of the S. R. Right Rev. Alfred Curtis, Bishop of Wilmington, celebrated the mass. He was attended by Chancellor J. P. Donahue.

Marcus Stearns, father-in-law of ex Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, who recently committed suicide, left an estate valued at \$8,000,000 and great all to his family.

It is denied that the Pope has asked the views of the Powers on the subject of the restoration of his temporal power.

The Comte and Comtesse Marilmet have been arrested in Paris for embezzling charity funds. The Duke of Argyll has written a letter in support of the Irish land purchase bill.

## Court of Appeals Yesterday.

Richmond City Railway Company vs. Scott. Further argued and submitted. Mill's administrator vs. Potterfield and others. Argued and continued.

Prisoners in the jail at Westminster, Md., yesterday sawed off two iron bars of a window in a cell and removed a stone from a wall, but they were detected in their plans to escape.